Lori Raymond HB 5537 137 Old Salem Rd Norwich, CT 06360

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Dear CT PHC Testimony,

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and esteemed members of the Public Health Committee:

I write to ask you to strongly support and vote in the affirmative to add bill language for the modernization of the CT Naturopathic physician scope of practice to HB 5537. The language needs to be attached to this bill so it can come before the Public Health Committee for consideration. This Naturopathic scope of practice law is 90 years old and has not kept pace with the significant advances in education and training of Naturopathic doctors in the ensuing decades.

I have been a resident of Southeastern Connecticut for the past 11 years. I am also a small business owner and have developed significant ties to my community here in CT. I believe that expanding the scope of practice will improve healthcare assess for the people of Connecticut.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely, Lori Raymond